

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The brake pad as claimed in claim 31, wherein the brake pad includes a carrier plate and a friction lining applied thereto, ~~wherein the retaining spring is undetachably connected to the carrier plate.~~

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The brake pad of claim ~~22~~31, wherein one of the two spring elements and the third spring element ~~is~~are configured as a sheet-metal spring or a wire spring.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The brake pad of claim 31, ~~wherein the retaining spring is further comprising at least one retaining member configured as a hook or eyelet for embracing one of the spring elements.~~

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The brake pad of claim 31, further comprising a retaining plate configured as a damping plate.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): Brake pad and brake piston assembly, comprising:
a brake piston having an axis and an outer surface encircled by a circumferential groove,
a retaining spring coupled to a brake pad, wherein said retaining spring engages said circumferential piston groove, thereby detachably coupling the brake pad to the piston,
wherein the retaining spring includes ~~at least one~~two spring elements arranged opposite each other with respect to the piston axis, each spring element having a first spring portion which applies an axial spring force at two a contact point locations on opposite sides

of the piston to urge the brake pad against the piston, and a third spring element arranged between said two spring elements ~~second portion having a second spring portion~~ which applies a radial spring force to the brake pad at one contact point location in a vertical direction which is generally perpendicular to ~~an~~ the piston ~~axis of travel of the piston~~.

Claim 32 (New): Brake pad and brake piston assembly, comprising:

a brake piston having an axis and an outer surface encircled by a circumferential groove,

a retaining spring coupled to a brake pad, wherein said retaining spring engages said circumferential piston groove, thereby detachably coupling the brake pad to the piston,

wherein the retaining spring includes a spring element including three spring portions, two of the three spring portions arranged opposite each other with respect to the piston axis which applies an axial spring force at a contact point location on opposite sides of the piston to urge the brake pad against the piston, and the third spring portion arranged between the other two spring portions which applies a radial spring force to the brake pad at one contact point location in a vertical direction which is generally perpendicular to the piston axis.

Claim 33 (New): The brake pad as claimed in claim 32, wherein the brake pad includes a carrier plate and a friction lining applied thereto.

Claim 34 (New): The brake pad of claim 34, further comprising two generally U-shaped portions arranged between the three spring portions.

Claim 35 (New): The brake pad of claim 35, further comprising at least one retaining member configured as a hook or eyelet for pressing the two generally U-shaped portions against the carrier plate.

Claim 36 (New): The brake pad of claim 32, further comprising a retaining plate configured as a damping plate.